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DAMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL PRODUCE
200 MILLION KILOWATT-HOURS

WILL IRRIGATE 1.5 MILLION DECARES -- Izhev, No 1614, 25 Dec 49

The first large dams in the country are now under construction and will assure the irrigation of 1,500,000 decarees of land. They will also produce over 200 million kilowatt-hours of electric power.

The work is conducted with a view to gaining fullest advantage from the hydraulic power of inland waters, especially of the Danube. The Five-Year Plan provides for increasing the extent of irrigated areas 10 times in relation to 9 September 1944.

More than 1,500,000 cubic meters of the main draining canals have been excavated within 45 days by work brigades and the local population of the Danube plains of Nikopol, Svishtov, Belene, and Brushlan.

Powerful pumping stations will be installed for irrigation operations at the Danube and along the other rivers. During 1950, pumping, power machines, and equipment for the irrigation of the Svishtov, Belen, and Brushlan lowlands will be imported from the USSR. Mobile units of 1,000 - 2,500 kilovolts, drawing water from the Danube will provide electric power for pump stations. The water will provide irrigation for over 385,000 decarees of rich and fertile soil. In addition, other pump stations, now under construction, will assure the draining and irrigation of the remaining Danube plains in the Vidin, Kozloduy, Karaboz, Aydemir, and other areas, as well as of other fertile soil lands throughout the country.

RECTIFY SOFIA POWER SYSTEM -- Izhev, No 1616, 28 Dec 48

To assure an adequate power supply for the Sofia streetcar and trolley bus system, a new mercury rectifier has been installed by the Sofia People's Soviet at the Sv. Troytsa (Holy Trinity) power station in the Dimitrovo area. It was put into operation on 27 December. The transformer for the new installation was imported from Czechoslovakia, but it was installed by local workers and electricians. Some technical brigades have volunteered their services without pay.

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